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C O N F I D E N T I A L BELGRADE 3322

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, YO, UR

SUBJECT: BRIEFING FOR YUGOSLAVS ON MOSCOW TALKS

1. AMBASSADOR WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE WHAT HAS BEEN A HIGHLY USEFUL DIALOGUE AND BRIEF FOREIGN SECRETARY MINIC ON THE MOSCOW SUMMIT TALKS. BRIEFING COULD BE MORE SYMBOLIC THAN SUBSTANTIVE, AND WHILE I HAVE NOT SEEN REPORT ON SECRETARY'S REPORT TO NAC I WOULD THINK SANITIZED VERSION OF THIS WOULD SUFFICE. TWO THINGS DICTATE DESIRABILITY THIS EXERCISE NOW: CONTINUING YUGOSLAV CONCERN ABOUT BIG-POWER CONDIMINIUM, AND WHAT APPEARS TO BE A DEEP YUGOSLAV CONCERN ABOUT BRESHNEV'S FUTURE (BONN 10719 AND USNATO 3754).

2. WHILE THERE MAY BE PLANS TO BRIEF AMBASSADORS IN WASHINGTON, IT HAS BEEN OUR EXPERIENCE THAT INFORMATION CONVEYED VIA THAT ROUTE LOSES BOTH PRECISION AND FLAVOR IN ITS TRANSMISSION TO BELGRADE.

3. WE CAN ASSUME THAT THE SOVIETS WILL TAKE AN EARLY  
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OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE THEIR VERSION TO THE YUGOSLAVS.

IN FACT, THEY MAY ALREADY HAVE DONE THIS VIA A JULY 8 CALL BY SOVIET AMBASSADOR STEPANOV ON YUGOSLAV STATE PRESIDENCY VICE PRESIDENT STAMBOLIC. ACCORDING TO TANJUG, HE CONVEYED "IN THE NAME OF THE POLITBUREAU OF THE CC OF THE CPSU A MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT TITO".

4. MINIC IS OUT OF THE COUNTRY NOW ACCOMPANYING TITO ON HIS ROMANIAN VISIT, WHICH ENDS THE 11TH. THERE ARE REPORTS OF AN ASSAD VISIT TO COME SOON AFTER TITO'S RETURN. MEETING WITH MINIC WOULD NOT ONLY PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY GIVE YUGOSLAVS OUR STORY OF SUMMIT BUT WOULD BE OCCASION FOR MINIC BRIEFING ON CEAUSESCU AND ASSAD MEETINGS AS WELL. WHILE IT SEEMS UNLIKELY I COULD SEE MINIC BEFORE THE 15TH, MY REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT SHOULD BE IDEALLY BE REGISTERED AT FONOFF BEFORE HE RETURNS ON THE 11TH. IF DEPT CONCURS IN DESIRABILITY BRIEFING YUGOSLAVS ON MOSCOW SUMMIT, SUGGEST I BE AUTHORIZED WITHIN NEXT DAY OR TWO TO REQUEST MINIC APPOINTMENT FOR WEEK OF 15TH, SPECIFYING PURPOSE OF CALL. GUIDANCE FOR THE BRIEFING COULD FOLLOW LATER. TOON

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